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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Peabody, qualified to vote in Town affairs, held March 6th, 1882, it was

VOTED, That the Town allow the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, in the future, to make their annual report in print.

A true copy of record.

Attest:

N. H. POOR, Town Clerk.



## Organization of Board of Trustees.

1891-1892.

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HARRY F. WALKER,	-	-	-	President.
P. H. O'CONOR,	-	-	-	Secretary.
F. C. MERRILL,	-	-	-	Treasurer.

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

HARRY F. WALKER, <i>ex-officio.</i>	
R. H. BROWN,	O. B. CHADWICK,
J. W. HUDSON,	J. HOWARD FALLON,
	P. H. O'CONOR.

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GEO. F. BARNES,	JOSEPH F. WIGGIN,
	RICHARD BARRY.

### PEABODY BURIAL LOT COMMITTEE:

HARRY F. WALKER,	D. P. GROSVENOR,
	JOHN SHANAHAN.

### TRUSTEES:

D. P. GROSVENOR,	Term expires 1892
GEO. F. BARNES,	" 1892
P. H. O'CONOR,	" 1893
O. B. CHADWICK,	" 1893
H. F. WALKER,	" 1894
JOSEPH F. WIGGIN,	" 1894
F. C. MERRILL,	" 1895
J. HOWARD FALLON,	" 1895
RICHARD BARRY,	" 1896
REV. J. W. HUDSON,	" 1896
R. H. BROWN,	" 1897
JOHN SHANAHAN,	" 1897

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JOHN D. MCKEEN, JANITOR.

ORGANIZATION OF  
The Lyceum and Library Committee.

1891-1892.

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THOMAS CARROLL,	.	.	.	CHAIRMAN.
GEO. A. WHITNEY,	.	.	.	SECRETARY.
A. H. MERRILL,	.	.	.	TREASURER.
W. G. COOK,			J. K. COLE,	
P. H. O'CONOR,			J. H. OSGOOD,	
GEO. F. BARNES,			F. E. HOBART,	
G. FRED OSGOOD,			FRANK TAYLOR,	
GEO. C. FARRINGTON.				

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

PEABODY LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

J. H. OSGOOD,	G. FRED OSGOOD,
J. K. COLE,	FRANK TAYLOR,
A. H. MERRILL,	GEO. C. FARRINGTON,
THOMAS CARROLL,	W. G. COOK,
	P. H. O'CONOR.

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

J. K. COLE,	J. H. OSGOOD,
GEO. F. BARNES,	F. E. HOBART,
W. G. COOK,	FRANK TAYLOR.
	GEO. C. FARRINGTON.

LECTURE COMMITTEE:

F. E. HOBART,	P. H. O'CONOR,
GEO. F. BARNES,	GEO. A. WHITNEY,
	G. FRED OSGOOD.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

J. H. OSGOOD,	J. K. COLE,
	F. E. HOBART.

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J. WARREN UPTON, Librarian.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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The Trustees herein present their fortieth annual report; this and the accompanying reports of the different committees, give in detail the condition of the Institute and record of its usefulness for the past year.

It is evident from the reports of the chairmen of the different committees, that careful scrutiny has been exercised in the management of the Institute during the year.

The expenditures have been kept within the appropriations, and the funds entrusted to the committees have been wisely and judiciously expended.

The Librarian's report states the circulation to have been 34,930 volumes against 34,807 for the year previous, showing a steady annual increase; it is gratifying to note that this circulation is the largest yet attained.

It will be seen from the reports submitted this year, that the Lyceum Committee has conformed more strictly to the idea for which the Lyceum was instituted by Mr. Peabody; having confined its efforts to giving a course of instructive lectures, avoiding the musical entertainments that have been a feature of the Lyceum in years past.

While the attendance at the lectures has not been quite as large as formerly the superior benefits derived from an instructive course must in the end commend itself to the public.

The Trustees are in full accord with the idea presented by the Lyceum and Library Committee in its suggestion for better Reading Room accommodations, and hope that the financial condition of the Institute will admit of such an acquisition to the Library in the near future.

The reference to this matter in the Trustees' report of last year is equally true this year; no large expenditure of money can be made at present without detriment to the Institution.

The Trustees are pleased to commend the faithful and efficient work of the employees of the Institute during the past year.

H. F. WALKER,

for the Trustees.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute hereby presents to the Board the following accounts for the year ending January 31, 1892.

The General Current Account.

The Reserve Fund Account.

The Eben Dale Sutton Library Fund Accounts.

The High School Medal Fund Account.

The Burial Lot Fund Account.

Together with statements of invested funds and schedule of insurance.

### GENERAL CURRENT ACCOUNT.

*Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with F. C. Merrill, Treasurer,*

1891.	Dr.
Apr. 3, Paid John D. McKeen, salary,	\$187 50
Apr. 3, John D. McKeen, sundries,	2 00
Apr. 3, C. H. Goulding,	89
Apr. 3, A. H. Whidden,	92
Apr. 3, G. R. Norton,	1 20
Apr. 3, T. H. O'Keefe, labor,	6 50
Apr. 7, D. B. Lord,	1 55
Apr. 7, E. G. Kelley, plumbing Wallis house,	201 50
Apr. 7, E. G. Kelley,	1 40
Apr. 7, E. G. Kelley, piping,	5 75
Apr. 7, H. M. Bixby & Co.,	16 57
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Amount carried forward,	\$425 78

*Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with F. C. Merrill, Treasurer.*

	Amount brought forward,	\$425 78
Apr. 7, Paid J. Arthur Trask, mason work,	108 01	
Apr. 7, Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,	7 00	
Apr. 7, Thos. G. Pinnock, slating,	8 78	
Apr. 7, M. S. Clark, carpenter work,	197 28	
Apr. 7, Salem Gas Light Co.,	99 52	
Apr. 7, A. H. Merrill, Treasurer L. & L. Comm.,	500 00	
Apr. 14, O. B. Chadwick & Co., insurance,	131 25	
Apr. 14, Guarantee Co. of North America,	135 00	
Apr. 18, Peabody Water Board,	22 68	
Apr. 18, Record book for Finance Committee,	1 50	
May 1, George M. Foster, watering streets, 1890,	25 00	
May 13, A. H. Merrill, Treasurer L. & L. Com.,	700 00	
June 11, N. M. Quint, labor on Harris estate,	229 00	
June 29, Lyman Holman, labor,	8 00	
July 3, John D. McKeen,	187 50	
July 3, John D. McKeen, sundries,	70	
July 6, M. S. Clark, carpenter work,	7 67	
July 6, Gas Light Co.,	74 34	
July 6, J. Arthur Trask, mason work,	10 51	
July 6, Peabody Press,	1 25	
July 6, A. F. Clark, lumber,	62 63	
July 6, Chas. H. Goulding,	3 75	
July 6, A. H. Whidden,	5 02	
July 6, So. Danvers Insurance Co.,	1 00	
July 28, Wm. Pickering Jr., & Co., coal,	190 55	
July 30, B. F. Woodbury, painting, etc.,	119 44	
Sept. 10, Merrill & Mackintire, paper,	31 18	
Sept. 10, Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,	12 00	
Oct. 6, Salem Gas Light Co.,	57 06	
Oct. 6, N. M. Quint, labor on Harris lot,	7 55	
Oct. 6, A. H. Whidden,	3 64	
Oct. 6, Bushby & Co., grass seed,	2 42	
Oct. 6, John D. McKeen, salary,	187 50	
Oct. 6, John D. McKeen, cash paid for sundries,	13 70	
Amount carried forward,	\$3,578 21	

*Trustees of Peabody Institute in account*

	Amount brought forward,	\$3,578 21
Oct. 12,	Paid J. Arthur Trask, mason work,	5 33
Oct. 12,	A. H. Merrill, Treasurer L. & L. Com,	1,300 00
Oct. 12,	Town of Peabody, taxes,	163 80
Oct. 19,	Peabody Water Board,	14 40
Nov. 15,	O. B. Chadwick & Co., insurance premium,	10 50
Nov. 17,	A. J. Walker, tuning piano,	5 00
<i>1892.</i>		
Jan. 1,	Salem Gas Light Co.,	99 76
Jan. 1,	John D. McKeen, salary,	187 50
Jan. 11,	B. F. Woodbury, painting and glazing,	10 23
Jan. 12,	Geo. M. Foster, for watering streets,	25 00
Jan. 20,	A. H. Whidden,	2 94
Jan. 20,	A. F. Clark,	1 49
Jan. 20,	Geo. R. Norton,	13 92
Jan. 20,	Geo. R. Norton, for repairs on Sutton Library furnace,	22 20
Jan. 20,	Thomas G. Pinnock,	35 22
Jan. 21,	Services of Treasurer,	250 00
	Balance,	<u>356 54</u>
		<u>\$6,082 04</u>
<i>1891.</i>		Cr.
Apr. 1,	Balance from G. H. Poor, Treasurer,	38 05
Apr. 1,	Received J. D. McKeen, rent of hall,	12 50
Apr. 1,	6 months interest on Eastern R. R. bonds,	90 00
Apr. 1,	6 months interest on City of Boston bonds,	85 00
Apr. 1,	6 months interest on Boston, Concord and Montreal R. R. bonds,	175 00
Apr. 1,	6 months interest on City of Lawrence bond,	30 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<u>\$430 55</u>

with F. C. Merrill, Treasurer.

	Amount brought forward,	\$430 55
Apr. 1,	Received J. D. McKeen, rent of hall,	14 00
Apr. 3,	Dividend 3 shares Warren Na- tional Bank,	10 50
Apr. 6,	6 months' interest on Town of Peabody notes,	1,400 00
Apr. 7,	J. D. McKeen, house rent,	87 50
Apr. 7,	J. D. McKeen, hall rent,	12 50
Apr. 14,	J. D. McKeen, R. S. D. Sy- monds' rent,	75 00
May 1,	6 months' interest on Town of Peabody bonds,	460 00
June 25,	J. D. McKeen, rent of hall,	50 00
July 3,	John D. McKeen, house rent,	87 50
July 3,	Salem Gas Light Co., discount,	8 26
July 9,	6 months' interest on Boston & Maine R. R. bond,	35 00
July 17,	J. D. McKeen, R. S. D. Sy- monds' rent,	75 00
July 17,	6 months' interest on City of Providence bond,	25 00
Oct. 1,	Income of E. D. Sutton Ref- erence light and fuel fund,	176 73
Oct. 1,	6 months' interest on Eastern R. R. bonds,	90 00
Oct. 1,	6 months' interest on City of Boston bonds,	85 00
Oct. 1,	6 months' interest on Boston, Concord and Montreal bonds,	175 00
Oct. 1,	6 months' interest on City of Lawrence bond,	30 00
Oct. 3,	Dividend on Warren National Bank stock,	9 00
Oct. 3,	John D. McKeen, house rent,	87 50
	Amount carried forward,	\$3,424 04

	<i>Trustees of Peabody Institute in account</i>
	Amount brought forward,
Oct. 6,	Received 6 months' interest on Town of Peabody notes,
Oct. 30,	J. D. McKeen, R. S. D. Symonds' rent,
Nov. 2,	6 months' interest on Town of Peabody bonds,
Nov. 6, 1892.	J. D. McKeen, rent of hall,
Jan. 1,	J. D. McKeen, house rent,
Jan. 1,	J. D. McKeen, hall rent,
Jan. 6,	J. D. McKeen, D. P. Grosvenor's rent,
Jan. 7,	6 months' interest on Boston & Maine R. R. bond,
Jan. 7,	6 months' interest on City of Providence reg. bond,
Jan. 27,	J. D. McKeen, R. S. D. Symonds' rent,
Feb. 1,	J. D. McKeen, D. P. Grosvenor's rent,
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	\$6,082 04

## RESERVE FUND.

1891.	Dr.
Apr. 18, Paid Peabody Water Board,	\$2 25
Oct. 6, J. Arthur Trask, mason work Hammond House,	4 33
Oct. 12, State, County and Town Tax, on Hammond House,	28 08
Oct. 15, Lyceum and Library Committee,	700 00
Oct. 19, Peabody Water Board,	1 80
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$736 46

with F. C. Merrill, Treasurer.

	Amount brought forward,	\$736 46
1892.		
Jan. 8,	Lyceum and Library Committee,	300 00
Jan. 20,	Geo. R. Norton, chimney top for Hammond House,	5 00
	Balance,	<u>653 54</u>
		\$1,695 00
1891.		Cr.
Apr. 1,	Received 6 months' interest on City of Boston bond,	\$25 00
May 1,	6 months' interest on Town of Peabody bonds,	440 00
May 1,	6 months' interest on City of Cincinnati bond,	35 00
May 1,	6 months' interest on City of Fall River bond,	30 00
July 9,	6 months' interest on City of Toledo bond,	30 00
July 9,	6 months' interest on City of Providence bonds,	75 00
July 9,	6 months' interest on Boston & Maine R. R. bond,	17 50
July 9,	6 months' interest on Boston & Albany R. R. bond,	30 00
July 17,	6 months' interest on City of Providence reg. bond,	25 00
July 30,	6 months' rent of B. F. Woodbury,	75 00
Oct. 1,	6 months' interest on City of Boston bond,	25 00
Oct. 1,	12 months' interest on City of Omaha bond,	30 00
Nov. 2,	6 months' interest on Town of Peabody bonds,	<u>440 00</u>
	Amount carried forward,	\$1,277 50

	<i>Trustees of Peabody Institute in account</i>
	Amount brought forward,
	\$1,277 50
Nov. 2,	Received 6 months' interest on City of Cincinnati bond,
	35 00
Nov. 2,	6 months' interest on City of Fall River bond,
	30 00
Dec. 1,	1 year's interest on Lombard Loan,
	100 00
1892.	
Jan. 7,	6 months' interest on City of Toledo bond,
	30 00
Jan. 7,	6 months' interest on City of Providence bonds,
	75 00
Jan. 7,	6 months' interest on Boston & Maine R. R. bond,
	17 50
Jan. 7,	6 months' interest on Boston & Albany R. R. bond,
	30 00
Jan. 7,	6 months' interest on City of Providence reg. bond,
	25 00
Jan. 11,	6 months' rent of B. F. Woodbury,
	75 00
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	\$1,695 00

**THE EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY  
FUND ACCOUNT.**

	1891.	Dr.
April 13,	Paid O. B. Chadwick & Co., insurance,	\$131 25
May 12,	A. H. Merrill, Treasurer L. & L. Committee,	356 25
Nov. 6,	A. H. Merrill, Treasurer L. & L. Committee,	400 00
1892.		
Jan. 8,	A. H. Merrill, Treasurer L. & L. Committee,	87 50
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		\$975 00

*with F. C. Merrill, Treasurer.*

1891.	Cr.
Apr. 1, Received 6 months' interest on City of Boston bonds,	87 50
May 1, 6 months' interest on Town of Peabody bonds,	400 00
Oct. 1, 6 months' interest on City of Boston bonds,	87 50
Nov. 2, 6 months' interest on Town of Peabody bonds,	400 00
	<u>                </u>
	\$975 00

THE SUTTON LIBRARY BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

1891.	Cr.
Feb. 1, Balance,	\$1 73
Apr. 1, Received 6 months' interest on City of Boston bonds,	87 50
Oct. 1, 6 months' interest on City of Boston bonds,	87 50
Nov. 20, Interest on deposit in Savings Bank,	1 78
	<u>                </u>
	\$178 51

SUTTON LIBRARY LIGHT AND FUEL FUND ACCOUNT.

1891.	Dr.
Oct. 1, To transferred to Peabody Institute General Fund Account for expense of heating and lighting Sutton Library,	\$176 73

1891.	Cr.
Feb. 1, Balance,	\$1 73
Apr. 1, Received 6 months' interest on City of Boston bonds,	87 50
Oct. 1, 6 months' interest on City of Boston bonds,	87 50
	<u>                </u>
	\$176 73

*Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with F. C. Merrill, Treasurer.*

PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND.

1891.	Dr.
June 29, Paid Thomas Carroll, Chairman School Committee,	\$100 00
Balance,	50 00
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	\$150 00
1891.	Cr.
Balance,	\$50 00
May 1, Received 6 months' interest on Province of Quebec bonds,	50 00
Nov. 1, 6 months' interest on Province of Quebec bonds,	50 00
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	\$150 00

THE BURIAL LOT FUND ACCOUNT.

1891.	Dr.
Dec. 28, Paid Harmony Grove Cemetery,	29 25
Balance,	46 75
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	\$76 00
1891.	Cr.
Feb. 1, Balance,	\$36 00
May 1, Received 6 months' interest on Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. bond,	20 00
Nov. 1, 6 months' interest on Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. bond,	20 00
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	\$76 00

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REAL ESTATE AND INVESTED FUNDS OF THE  
PEABODY INSTITUTE.

## GENERAL FUND.

One City of Providence Bond,	\$1,000 00
One Boston & Maine R. R. Bond,	1,000 00
One City of Boston Bond,	1,000 00
Three Eastern R. R. Bonds,	3,000 00
Eight Town of Peabody Notes,	70,000 00
Three Shares Warren National Bank Stock,	300 00
Two City of Boston Bonds,	2,000 00
Five B. C. & M. R. R. con. Mortgage Bonds,	5,000 00
One City of Lawrence Bond,	1,000 00
Twenty-three Town of Peabody Bonds,	23,000 00
Wallis House, assessed at	6,500 00
Merrill House, assessed at	4,000 00
Institute Building and contents not appraised.	

## RESERVE FUND.

One City of Toledo Bond,	\$1,000 00
One Boston & Maine R. R. Bond,	500 00
One Boston & Albany R. R. Bond,	1,000 00
Three City of Providence Bonds,	3,000 00
One City of Providence Bond,	1,000 00
One City of Cincinnati Bond,	1,000 00
One City of Fall River Bond,	1,000 00
Twenty-two Town of Peabody Bonds,	22,000 00
One City of Boston Bond,	1,000 00
One Lombard Mortgage,	1,600 00
One City of Omaha Bond,	500 00
Hammond House, assessed at	1,800 00

## EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Twenty Town of Peabody Bonds,	\$20,000 00
City of Boston, undivided third of \$15,000 Bond,	5,000 00

## SUTTON BUILDING FUND.

City of Boston, undivided third of \$15,000 Bond,	\$5,000 00
Deposit in Warren Five Cents Savings Bank,	178 51

## SUTTON LIGHT AND FUEL FUND.

City of Boston, undivided third of \$15,000 Bond,	\$5,000 00
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## HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND.

Two Province of Quebec Bonds,	\$2,000 00
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## BURIAL LOT FUND.

One C. B. & Q. Nev. Ext. Mortgage Bond,	\$1,000 00
Deposit in Warren Five Cents Savings Bank,	23 08

## INSURANCE.

## INSTITUTE BUILDING.

	EXPIRES.
Dorchester Insurance Company,	\$2,500 00
Quincy "	5,000 00
Essex "	5,000 00
Holyoke "	1,500 00
Merrimac "	3,000 00
Phoenix "	3,000 00
South Danvers "	5,000 00

## LIBRARY.

North American Ins. Co.,	\$5,000 00
Holyoke "	3,500 00
Continental "	5,000 00
Royal "	6,500 00

## PORTRAIT.

Phoenix Insurance Company,	\$1,850 00
	Nov. 15, 1893

## HOUSES.

		EXPIRES.
Wallis House, So. Danvers Ins. Co.,	\$3,000 00	June 1, 1895
Merrill House,	" 2,000 00	June 1, 1895
Hammond House,	" 1,000 00	Aug. 1, 1893

## SUTTON LIBRARY.

Abington Mutual Ins. Co.,	\$1,000 00	May 1, 1893
Lowell " "	500 00	May 1, 1895
Phoenix "	5,000 00	Feb. 25, 1896
American "	500 00	May 20, 1895

## FIXTURES OF SUTTON LIBRARY.

Lowell Mutual Ins. Co.,	\$1,500 00	May 1, 1895
Abington " "	1,500 00	May 1, 1895
American "	2,000 00	May 20, 1895

FRANK C. MERRILL,

Treasurer of Trustees of Peabody Institute.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find the same correct with proper vouchers. We have also examined all securities belonging to the Trustees of Peabody Institute, as enumerated in above report, and find the same to be in his possession.

H. F. WALKER,  
 RUFUS H. BROWN,  
 J. W. HUDSON,  
 JOHN HOWARD FALLON, } Finance  
} Committee.

Feb. 1, 1892.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:

In conformity with the regulations, I respectfully submit to you the reports of the sub-committees, in connection with which is the report of the Treasurer and also that of the Librarian.

It will be seen that the several departments have been managed with prudence and good judgment and that the officials have been fully cognizant, not only of their duties but of the responsibilities of the offices to which they have been chosen.

The additions to the Peabody Library have been timely, and were made with thoughtful reference to the wants of the community, and the needs of the Institution. The efficacy of a library can never be fairly estimated by the circulation of books, but it is always gratifying to see the list of borrowers increasing. It is pleasant to note the marked advance in substantial reading, and the evident desire for the better class of books which has become manifest. It is proof that the Institute is making its impress on the community, and that its influence is commensurate with its objects and traditions. Whatever may be said to the contrary, there is a large and increasing class of intelligent, discriminating readers in our midst. They are of the modest, unobtrusive kind who make no pretense of superior culture, but they keenly appreciate the good points of a good book, and are eager to keep in touch with the freshest products in the fields of literature. There are many amongst us to whom the Institute has been a solace and inspiration; and this object should be ever borne in mind that it is the people's library, especially the common people.

Here too comes the collegian, vacation nearly over, and his unfinished essay yet before him. From the well stored shelves he

obtains helpful aid, and from the Librarian kindly counsel. The young scholar with his history lesson unlearned, the professional man searching for authority on disputed points, the anxious business man who wishes to note the latest treatise on economics, or the newest discovery in science, all find here comforting aid and friendly answers to their inquiries. Then the thoughtful workingman, whose manual dexterity had always insured him a decent livelihood until confronted by the startling changes in the production of our staple industry, comes here to consult the newest discoveries in applied chemistry, and the latest advance in improved machinery. Without money and without price, without a feather's weight of burden to the anxious taxpayer, here, in these cheerful rooms, is gathered all the stores of mind and brain which earth's brightest sons have produced. Throughout the period of commercial gloom which we have passed, the Peabody Institute has been the bright spot in our midst. The historian, the poet, the novelist, the traveller and the scientist—all find here a restful receptacle, and each waits for his sympathetic disciples. Let us hope that no specious scheme in the name of sordid economy, will ever curtail its generous provisions or place a burden on its usefulness.

The Library Committee have been especially interested in their duties, and the contact with new books at every monthly meeting, inciting the members to literary discussion, has made theirs a labor of love. They have recommended and selected such books as seem necessary to our library and befitting a reading public. Very little of the "Vampire Literature" comes to their hands. It is easily avoided, and is not recognized by reputable publishers. But there is another evil which we all recognize and which is happily disappearing. It is the evil of the underbred book, whose bad example and vulgar ideals are more likely to be imitated than to be avoided. We are sensible of the number of young persons, physically undeveloped, who are suffering for want of proper nutriment, but we take little note of the many who are afflicted with intellectual anæmia from a thin diet of underbred literature. Let it be always understood that fiction has its position, honorably earned and firmly fixed for all time to come. Blessed be the genius that gave to

the world Micawber and Sancho Panza and Dalgetty. They are as much a part of human existence as is Roger Bacon, or King Arthur. But there is a class of dubious novels which retail the scenes and actions of the fashionable set which hangs around the doubtful edge of foreign nobility, with which we have been flooded. Fortunately our library has but few of these, but their titles stare at us from every public bookstall. If the copyright bill shall be the means of excluding them from our land, let us be thankful. The sneering question "Who reads an American book?" is no longer asked. Who does not read an American book confesses himself a bigot and a fool.

Our own writers command a place in the literary marts of the world. In purity, in force, in accurate delineation, in all that constitutes honest scholarship and earnest literary effort, their merit is now acknowledged. While we lament the loss of Prescott and Motley and Irving we recognize the growing fame and scholarly research of Fisk and MacMaster, and welcome the genius of Howells and Cable, the sparkle of Holmes and the natural grace of Miss Jewett and Miss Wilkins.

The work of the Sutton Library Committee does not appear to the casual observer. It is a work requiring delicacy, experience and judgment. The scope of this library is necessarily limited. Its accessions for the year have been made with care and good taste. The library room is too isolated to be popular with the ordinary visitor. If in the course of time the two libraries could be placed under one executive head, it is believed that the rare treasures which this room contains would be better appreciated, and its usefulness increased.

The Lecture Committee have given their best efforts to make their department a success. It has become a position of extreme delicacy. The palmy days of the lecturer no longer exist. A lecturer must be in the nature of an entertainer, if a full house is desired. The most brilliant speaker fails to draw, if his subject be a purely literary or scientific one. A literary lion from a foreign land, or a great traveller for whose safety all Christendom yearned, would be for a time objects of curious interest, but the age is essentially a reading one, and the omnipotent newspaper has dethroned the platform orator.

The necessity for increased room and better accommodations in the Reading Room is continually borne upon us. That it should be apart from the library room, no one will question. It is patronized by a quiet, thoughtful class of readers who represent the studious from all ranks of life. It is doing good now; it can be made more efficacious.

In conclusion, thanking the Board of Trustees for the courtesy and generosity which they have extended to the Committee, it is but just to say that the Peabody Library is in excellent order, the books in good condition, and all the executive work has been done in a thorough manner, befitting the dignity and character of the Institution.

THOMAS CARROLL,

Chairman L. & L. Committee.

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#### LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The Peabody Library Committee submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1892.

The Librarian's report shows that the large increase in the circulation of books for the year 1891 has been more than maintained during the year that has just closed. The number of volumes borrowed from the Library has been 34,930 as compared with 34,807 for the year 1891. His report also discloses the fact that there has been a slight decrease in the use of books classified under Fiction and Juveniles, and an increase in the other and more substantial departments of the Library. Fiction and Juveniles during the past year cover 70 per cent. of the total circulation. This we believe is the lowest average ever reached in our history and compares most favorably with the use of this class of works in a great many of the Public Libraries throughout the state.

The accessions to the Library during the past year by gift and purchase have numbered 689 volumes—191 less than for the year

1891. This decrease is largely accounted for by the fact in the year 1891 large purchases of bound volumes of magazines were made to supply our wants in this direction. The actual decrease in the number of volumes bought for the Library, outside of the periodicals, has been 68 as compared with the year 1891. To this date the expenditures of the Library for this purpose have been kept within the appropriation, and enough remains to allow of moderate additions during the two months to the first of April. At the time of the renewal of the subscriptions to our list of Magazines, Jan. 1, 1892, your committee thought best to drop from the list some of the heavier publications of this class; such as Blackwood's Magazine, the Contemporary Review, the Quarterly, the Westminster Review and Science.

These periodicals have a very limited reading among our patrons, largely because the best of their contents are found in such publications as Littell's Living Age and the Eclectic Magazine, which are found in our lists. The bound volumes of those works that have been dropped can be readily purchased to continue our sets.

By the additions of this year the whole number of volumes in the Peabody Library has been brought up to a total of 30,075. This enumeration does not include Congressional documents or the Patent office reports.

Your Committee can justly say that it is a most excellent collection of books, well balanced and well represented in all the departments into which a modern public library is divided. Taken in connection with the Sutton Reference Library it is very doubtful if any town in this country, of the same number of inhabitants as Peabody, possesses such complete and varied resources in its Public Library.

That portion of the Library room set apart for the use of readers seems to have a constantly increasing patronage. It is gratifying to note that of 300 volumes to which those who frequent the Library are allowed free access not one has been lost or even badly used.

There can be no doubt that this department of the Library might if proper facilities were provided be largely increased in its scope and usefulness. An ample and properly fitted Reading

Room has become a necessary adjunct to every public library. Its extension and improvement in the Peabody Library would undoubtedly lead to an increased use not only of books of reference but of the Library as a whole. A pleasant and attractive reading room would be a standing invitation to every citizen of the town to patronize the Library. We bespeak for this department the earnest and practical attention of the Trustees.

For the Committee,

J. H. OSGOOD, Chairman.

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#### LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

TO THE CHAIRMAN LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

Your Lyceum Committee respectfully submits the following report.

During the season of 1891 and 1892, ten lectures have been held.

We have endeavored, as far as possible, to furnish a course agreeable to the spirit of the donation of said work.

A new feature was added, by introducing a classical lecture on Richard Wagner's compositions, which, in the opinion of those musically interested, was a decided success.

The instructive lectures were well attended, while the scientific, though responded to by a smaller audience, were welcomed by lovers of science.

As was reported by the chairman of this Committee in his report of 1875, "we must meet the demands of all classes," so is it true to-day, and the Committee have borne this in mind.

Appended is a list of lectures of 1891 and 1892.

Nov. 5, Mr. Herbert S. Renton. Subject, "A Day and Night in a Volcano." (Illustrated.)

Nov. 12, Rev. O. P. Gifford. Subject, "Problem of Life."

Nov. 19, Mr. Gamaliel Bradford. Subject, "Government of Massachusetts."

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Dec. 10, Rev. R. S. McArthur, D. D. Subject, "The Empire of the Czar."

Dec. 16, Hon. John D. Long. Subject, "Abraham Lincoln."

Dec. 31, Prof. E. S. Morse. Subject, "Temples and Theatres of Japan."

Jan. 7, Mr. N. J. Corey. Subject, Wagner's "Parsifal," "Lohengrin," "Holy Grail." (Illustrated.)

Jan. 14, Prof. E. S. Morse. Subject, "Early Games of Mankind."

Jan. 21, Prof. E. S. Morse. Subject, "Wonders of Growth in Animals."

Jan. 29, Prof. E. S. Morse. Subject, "Origin of Species."

For the Committee,

FRANK E. HOBART, Chairman.

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EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY  
COMMITTEE.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The report of the Librarian of the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library for the year ending Jan. 30, 1892, and the doings of the Committee are herewith submitted.

The Librarian's report shows that the number of consultations has been but 274, a very small number as compared with former years. The number of visitors is also somewhat smaller, being 1,190 against 1,287 last year.]

A reference to the list of bound volumes added during the year shows a very small increase; an increase that is meagre compared with previous years.

There are several reasons for this small list. A legacy from the previous Committee, of a bill of \$226.55, for books added in 1890, and the regular income diminished somewhat for insurance, admonished the Committee not to order books until assured that there was money in the treasury to pay the bills.

There are also several publications to which the Library has already subscribed, and which are likely to come in at any time; money to pay for these should be on hand.

Another additional expense this year—one which comes only once in four or five years—was the cleaning. In May the library was thoroughly cleaned throughout; the carpet was taken up and the furniture received some needed repairs. The books were all taken out, and every shelf, alcove, and drawer was cleaned. The progress of this work showed that it was not attended to any too early.

The Committee congratulate themselves on a balance in the treasury. Of this balance \$87.50 is from the additional \$5,000 left by Mrs. Sutton, for the purchase of books, but it was covered into the treasury too late to be available before the year closed. Deducting the above sum, and the Librarian's salary up to the time when a futher income will be available, a balance considerably less than \$100 will remain.

Of the serials subscribed for during the year, a very valuable and interesting addition is "The Army and Navy of the United States," a finely illustrated work.

For the information of future Committees, it should be said that this is to consist of ten, possibly eleven numbers, and will be delivered in parts only, four numbers a year.

The interests of the Library have been carefully looked after by the Librarian, Miss Augusta F. Daniels, and she is entitled to special credit for extra time given, and for her careful supervision of the much needed and arduous work of cleaning.

For the Committee,

J. K. COLE, Chairman.

## LIBRARIANS' REPORTS.

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### PEABODY LIBRARY.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The report of the Librarian of the Peabody Library, for the year ending Feb. 1, 1892, is respectfully submitted.

The library was open every week day, except on the usual holidays, during the year.

The additions to the large stock of books will be seen to be less in number than last year, but the circulation is slightly greater.

### ACCESSIONS.

Volumes purchased,	584
Magazines bound,	70
Gifts,	35
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	689
Volumes in Library, Feb. 1, 1891,	29,471
Volumes lost and worn out,	85
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	29,386
Volumes in Library, Feb. 1, 1892,	30,075

Three hundred and forty parts of the U. S. Patent Office, "Specifications and Drawings," May 31, 1871, to Sept. 1890, with nineteen indexes to the same, not catalogued, as they are here conditionally.

The "Official Gazette" to Jan. 1, 1892, is also in the library, and both series may be consulted by inhabitants of this Congressional district.

## CIRCULATION.

	No. Vols.	Per Cent.
Sociology, Religion, Philosophy, etc.,	1,108	3
Fiction, Juveniles,	24,526	70
Description, Travel, Geography,	2,143	6
History,	2,272	7
Biography,	981	3
Poetry and the Drama,	457	1
Natural and Applied Science, etc.,	1,642	5
Miscellaneous Literature,	1,801	5
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	34,930	

## BINDING.

Volumes Miscellaneous Works,	217
Volumes Magazines,	71
Volumes repaired,	87

## RECEIPTS.

From fines,	\$55.87
From 35 finding lists, 1 catalogue,	4.00
Lost books paid for,	1.50
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	\$61.37

## GIFTS.

W. Baker & Co., Estate of J. Eddy, S. O. McCready, T. Cook & Son, J. A. Spaulding, Bunker Hill Monument Association, one volume each; Smithsonian Institution, three volumes; State of Massachusetts, different departments, nine volumes; United States, different departments, seventeen volumes.

J. WARREN UPTON, Librarian.

Periodicals, etc., in the Reading Room:	
American Agriculture.	Lippincott's Magazine.
American Journal of Science.	Littell's Living Age.
Andover Review.	Longman's Magazine.
Arena.	Magazine of American History.
Atlantic Monthly.	Methodist Review.
Catholic World.	New England Magazine.
Century Magazine.	New Englander and Yale Review.
Cornhill Magazine.	Nineteenth Century.
Cosmopolitan Magazine.	North American Review.
Eclectic Magazine.	Outing.
Education.	Political Quarterly Review.
Electrical World.	Popular Science Monthly.
Forum.	Popular Science News.
Harper's Monthly Magazine.	Scribner's Monthly Magazine.
Unitarian Review.	Times, London Weekly edition.
	United Service.

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### EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

#### TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The Librarian of the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library makes the following report for the year ending January 31, 1892.

The following bound volumes have been added:

The Earth and its Inhabitants. North America. Elisee Reclus. New York, 1890-91. 2 Vols.

The English and Scottish Popular Ballads. Part VII. Francis James Child. Boston, 1890.

Illustrated Popular Biography of Connecticut. J. A. Spaulding. Hartford, 1891. Presented by the Insurance Companies of Hartford.

#### UNBOUND SERIALS.

Notes and Queries. 12 parts.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register. 4 parts.

Essex Institute Historical Collections. 2 parts.

American Architect and Building News. Parts 1-52.

Punch. Parts 1-52.

The Army and Navy of the United States. 2 parts.

## CONSULTATIONS.

Art,	51	Encyclopaedias,	51
Historical Costumes,	29	Description and Travel,	23
History,	20	Geography,	16
Science,	14	Architecture,	13
Natural History,	12	Harper's Weekly,	12
Genealogy,	9	Punch,	5
Miscellaneous,	19		

Number of consultations, 274. Number of visitors, 1190.

AUGUSTA F. DANIELS, Librarian.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

*Lyceum and Library Committee in account with A. H. Merrill, Treasurer.*

1891.

	Dr.
Feb. 3, Paid E. L. Perley, for binding,	\$13 15
Feb. 3, F. H. Rowell, services,	4 60
Feb. 10, Fred W. Bushby, services,	15 50
Feb. 14, J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00
Feb. 28, J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00
Mch. 16, J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00
Mch. 30, J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00
Apr. 9, Walter W. Graves, services,	15 50
Apr. 9, E. H. Kimball, services,	21 70
Apr. 9, Fred W. Bushby, services,	26 50
Apr. 9, J. W. Holley & Co., Forum,	4 90
Apr. 9, H. P. Ives, stationery,	4 00
Apr. 9, Essex Institute, Historical collections,	3 00
Apr. 20, Estes & Lauriat, for books,	156 31
Apr. 20, Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Magazine,	4 00
Apr. 20, H. M. Melcher, services,	24 80
Apr. 20, J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00
Apr. 30, Pub. Amer. Catalogue, on account,	5 00
May 1, J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00
May 2, Boston Public Library,	1 00
May 2, History Catholic Church in Salem,	3 00
May 13, Peabody Press, for book lists,	11 00
May 13, Edw. L. Perley, for binding,	54 85
May 15, J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00
May 16, Peabody Press, subscription and printing,	12 30

Amount carried forward,

\$731 11

*Lyceum and Library Committee in account with A. H. Merrill, Treasurer.*

		Amount brought forward,	\$731 11
May 23,	Paid Estes & Lauriat, for books,	66 76	
June 1,	Chas. H. Kimball, services,	15 80	
June 1,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00	
June 2,	Magazine of American History,	5 00	
June 15,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00	
Juue 15,	Carl Schoenhof, for books,	52 25	
June 15,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	49 42	
June 30,	J. W. Upton; balance salary,	50 00	
July 1,	Edwin D. Humphrey, services,	3 50	
July 1,	Walter W. Graves, services,	23 40	
July 1,	Harry McClure, services,	22 50	
July 1,	Thos. B. Carroll, services,	25 50	
July 1,	Peabody Press, printing lists,	7 00	
July 9,	B. M. Hills, expressing,	3 95	
July 9,	Clarence W. Barnes, services,	3 20	
July 13,	Pub. American catalogue, balance bill,	5 00	
July 13,	Henry P. Ives, for sundries,	2 03	
July 15,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00	
July 31,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	49 56	
July 31,	Edward L. Perley, for binding, etc.,	18 95	
July 31,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00	
Aug. 15,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00	
Aug. 24,	Library Bureau, fasteners for binders,	75	
Aug. 24,	Electrical World, subscription,	3 00	
Aug. 24,	Edward L. Perley, for binding,	20 35	
Aug. 28,	American Naturalist, subscription,	4 00	
Sept. 1,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00	
Sept. 30,	Salem Press Publishing and Printing Co., binding,	17 85	
Sept. 30,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	39 63	
Sept. 30,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	71 47	
Sept. 15,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00	
Sept. 30,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00	
Oct. 3,	E. D. Humphrey, services,	16 90	
		Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$1,708 88

<i>Lyceum and Library Committee in account</i>		
	Amount brought forward,	\$1,708 88
Oct. 3,	Paid Harry McClure, services,	25 10
Oct. 3,	Clarence W. Barnes, services,	10 40
Oct. 3,	Walter W. Graves, services,	25 60
Oct. 3,	Thos. B. Carroll, services,	28 80
Oct. 14,	New England Magazine, subscription,	3 00
Oct. 14,	Library Bureau, binders, etc.,	4 80
Oct. 14,	Edward L. Perley, binding,	19 10
Oct. 15,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00
Oct. 24,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	6 85
Oct. 24,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	75 90
Oct. 27,	J. W. Holley & Co., Outing subscription,	2 75
Oct. 27,	Peabody Press Co., printing,	10 15
Oct. 31,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00
Nov. 5,	Lecture Committee, Renton lecture,	60 00
Nov. 12,	Lecture Committee, Gifford lecture,	35 00
Nov. 12,	Lecture Committee expenses,	4 00
Nov. 14,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	71 52
Nov. 18,	Lecture Committee, Bradford lecture,	7 00
Nov. 18,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00
Dec. 1,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00
Dec. 9,	Munroe & Arnold, expressing,	3 59
Dec. 9,	Lecture Committee, McArthur lecture,	85 00
Dec. 15,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00
Dec. 17,	Edward L. Perley, binding,	23 05
Dec. 17,	Edward L. Perley, for note paper, ruled,	2 75
Dec. 17,	Geo. H. Walker & Co., Atlas of Mass.,	15 00
Dec. 19,	Lecture Committee, J. D. Long lecture,	50 00
Dec. 21,	J. W. Holley & Co., magazines,	93 42
Dec. 22,	Bowman Viles, services at lectures, '89-90,	14 00
Dec. 30,	J. W. Holley & Co., United Service sub.	3 50
Dec. 30,	Edward L. Perley, binding,	4 25
Dec. 30,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	101 24
Dec. 30,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	8 23
Dec. 31,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00
Amount carried forward,		\$2,802 88

*with A. H. Merrill, Treasurer.*

	Amount brought forward,	\$2,802 88
Dec. 31,	Paid Walter W. Graves, services,	27 30
Dec. 31,	Harry McClure, services,	26 12
Dec. 31,	Clarence W. Barnes, services,	14 32
Dec. 31,	Thos. B. Carroll, services,	27 45
1892.		
Jan. 1,	E. D. Humphrey, services,	15 25
Jan. 4,	Publishers' Weekly for Library Journal,	5 00
Jan. 6,	Lecture Committee, N. J. Corey lecture,	60 00
Jan. 7,	B. M. Hills, expressing,	4 20
Jan. 15,	J. W. Holley & Co., for American Journal of Science, index,	2 50
Jan. 15,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00
Jan. 15,	Carl Schœnhof, for books,	21 25
Jan. 15,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	12 16
Jan. 15,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	41 74
Jan. 15,	Town of Peabody, use of hall for lecture,	12 00
Jan. 28,	Lecture Committee, Morse lectures,	175 00
Jan. 28,	Lecture Committee, for expenses,	12 60
Jan. 30,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00
Jan. 30,	J. W. Upton, for incidentals,	12 71
	Balance,	456 92
		\$3,829 40
1891.		Cr.
Feb. 1, By	Balance on hand,	\$ 268 03
Apr. 9,	Received of Treasurer of Trustees,	500 00
May 13,	Received of Treasurer of Trustees,	700 00
Oct. 3,	Received of Treasurer of Trustees,	500 00
Oct. 7,	Received of Treasurer of Trustees,	1,500 00
1892.		
Jan. 12,	Received of Treasurer of Trustees,	300 00
Jan. 30,	Received from fines,	55 87
Jan. 30,	Received for Finding lists sold,	4 00
Jan. 30,	Received for two lost Books,	1 50
		\$3,829 40

*Lyceum and Library Committee in account*  
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS.

	Dr.
Paid for Books,	\$842 29
Magazines,	134 07
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Binding,	171 55
Printing, account Library,	40 45
Expressing and incidentals,	63 78
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Salaries,	1,619 74
Lectures,	500 60
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Balance,	\$3,372 48
	456 92
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	\$3,829 40
	Cr.
By Balance,	\$ 268 03
Received from Treasurer of Trustees,	3,500 00
Received from Fines,	55 87
Received from sale of Finding Lists,	4 00
Received from two lost Books,	1 50
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	\$3,829 40

A. H. MERRILL,

Treasurer Lyceum and Library Committee.

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EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1891.	Dr.
Feb. 1, Paid Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	\$27 08
Mar. 2,         Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27 08
Apr. 20,         Essex Institute, historical collection,	3 00
Amount carried forward,	<hr/>
	\$57 16

*with A. H. Merrill, Treasurer.*

	Amount brought forward,	\$57 16
May 12,	Augusta F. Daniels, 2 months salary,	54 16
May 13,	Estes & Lauriat, balance of bill for books,	226 55
May 15,	D. Appleton & Co., for book,	5 10
June 1,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27 08
June 8,	Mrs. Hudson, for cleaning,	7 00
June 8,	Mary A. Hudson, for cleaning,	4 28
June 8,	Mary Poland, for cleaning,	2 70
June 8,	Augusta F. Daniels, sundries,	1 25
June 15,	Estes & Lauriat, for book,	5 00
June 24,	Peabody Press, for printing slips,	75
July 1,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27 12
July 1,	Augusta F. Daniels, for ink and postage stamps,	35
Aug. 1,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27 08
Sept. 1,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27 08
Oct. 1,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27 08
Nov. 2,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27 08
Nov. 6,	C. H. Goulding, upholstering and cleaning,	20 72
Dec. 1,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27 08
Dec. 9,	Munroe & Arnold, expressing,	50
Dec. 9,	American Express Co., expressing,	15
Dec. 9,	N. E. Historic Genealogical Society, subscription,	3 00

1892.

Jan. 4,	Ticknor & Co., "The American Architect,"	10 00
Jan. 4,	D. Appleton & Co., Vol. 2 North American Ships,	5 10
Jan. 4,	Geo. Barrie, Army & Navy of U. S.,	20 00
Jan. 4,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27 08
	Balance,	<u>271 39</u>
		<u>\$911 84</u>

*Lyceum and Library Committee in account with A. H. Merrill, Treasurer.*

1891.	Cr.
Feb. 1, By Balance,	68 09
May 12, Income Sutton Fund,	356 25
Nov. 6, Income Sutton Fund,	400 00
1892.	
Jan. 8, Income Sutton Fund,	<u>87 50</u>
	<u>\$911 84</u>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS.

	Dr.
Paid for Books,	\$277 75
Incidentals and repairs,	37 70
Salary of Librarian,	325 00
Balance,	<u>271 39</u>
	<u>\$911 84</u>
	Cr.
By Balance,	68 09
Income Eben Dale Sutton Fund,	<u>843 75</u>
	<u>\$911 84</u>

A. H. MERRILL,

Treasurer Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library.

The undersigned have this day examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Lyceum and Library Committee, and the same were found to be correct.

J. H. OSGOOD,  
J. K. COLE,  
F. E. HOBART, } Finance  
Committee.